

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BUCCHAR 03329 180538Z POSS DUPE
ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ARA-10 EA-10 EUR-12 NEA-11 ISO-00
CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00
NSC-05 PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 ICA-11 EB-08 AID-05
OMB-01 TRSE-00 ACDA-12 DLOS-09 AGRE-00 /156 W
-----010115 200445Z /13

R 171222Z MAY 78
FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9583
INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE
USINT HAVANA
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY KABUL
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 3329

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG (NAM), RO
SUBJ: ROMANIA AND NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

REF\$ (A) STATE 97545, (B) USUN 1237, (C) STATE 103883,
(D) RABAT 2396, (E) MOSCOW 9434

1. AFTER WAIT OF FOUR WEEKS, POLITICAL OFFICER FINALLY
SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING MEETING WITH MID-LEVEL MFA OFFICIAL
DUMITRU TANASE TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF NAM MENTIONED
REFTELS. TANASE WAS CORDIAL AND AT TIME EVEN EBULLIENT
(THOUGH NEVER RELAXED) AND IS PRESUMABLY WELL-VERSED IN
NAM (RECENT POSTS WERE NEW DELHI AND JAKARTA AND HE WAS
ALSO MEMBER OF GOR DELEGATION AT COLOMBO NAM CONFERENCE
AND AT ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE IN LAGOS), BUT HE PLEADED
IGNORANCE ON MAJOR POINTS RAISED BY POLITICAL OFFICER.((

2. COMMENTS ELICITED, FOR WHAT THEY ARE WORTH, WERE AS
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BUCCHAR 03329 180538Z POSS DUPE

FOLLOWS:

--BELGRADE NAM MEETING OF FMS: PLEADED IGNORANCE ON AGENDA,
WHICH CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED BY NACB IN HAVANA, AND DE-
CLINED TO COMMENT ON LIKLIHOOD OF APPEARANCE ON AGENDA OF
SUBJECTS OMITTED AT KABUL: KOREA, SPANISH SAHARA, PUERTO
RICO, GUAM, ZIONISM.

-- ROMANIA'S STATUS IN NAM: REFERRED TO STATUS AS THA
SOF

"INVITEE" RATHER THAN GUEST, BUT CONTENDED TPDIT DISTINCTIONS
AMONG STATUSES OF INVITEE, GUEST AND OBSERVER ARE MORE A
MATTER OF FORM THAN OF SUBSTANCE. TANASE GAVE IMPRESSION
THAT ROMANIA RECOGNIZES IT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS OBSERVER
OR GUEST AS LONG AS IT REMAINS MEMBER OF WARSAW PACT, BUT HAS
FOUND IT CAN OPERATE WITH SUFFICIENT LATITUDE WITH STATUS
OF "INVITEE". HE STATED THAT GOR HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTIVE
PARTICIPANT IN FORMULATION OF NAM ECONOMIC DOCUMENT--PRESUMABLY
"ACTION PROGRAMME FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION".

--CUBA'S BONA FIDES AS NON-ALIGNED: HE AGAIN PLEADED IGNORANCE
ON ANY DISPARAGEMENT OF CUBA'S CREDENTIALS BY OTHER NAM MEMBERS,
AND DECLINED TO COMMENT DIRECTLY ON SUBJECT. HOWEVER, HE VERY
POINTEDLY USED GOR POSITION ON HORN OF AFRICA TO INDICATE
GOR RESERVATIONS ABOUT CUBA'S ACTIVITIES AS INSTRUMENT OF
SOVIET POLICY. COMMENT: THAT THIS WILL TRANSLATE INTO ANY
DISCERNABLE POSTURE WITHIN NAM IS DOUBTFUL. GIVEN CONSENSUS
PRACTICED IN NAM, GOR CAN ILL-AFFORD AS GUEST (OR ("INVITEE")
TO ANTAGONIZE ANYONE. GOR ASSIDUOUSLY AVOIDS OUTRIT CRIT-
ICISM OF ANY GOVERNMENT NOT AN INTERNATIONAL PARIAH, AND
IT CAN HARDLY BE EXPECTED TO JOINT IN WITH THOSE IMPUGNING
CUBA'S NON-ALIGNED CREDENTIALS. AS DEMONSTRATED AT BEL-
GRADE CSCE, GOR IS MASTER PRACTITIONER OF NON-
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 BUCAR 03329 180538Z POSS DUPE

ALIGNMENT IN TOUCHY SITUATIONS AND, WHEN KEEN EYE FOR SELF-
INTEREST, IS ALSO UNLIKELY TO COME TO CUBA'S SUPPORT--
ESPECIALLY IF ASSAULT WERE TO BE MOUNTED BY SUCH INFLUENTIAL
AND GENUINELY NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS AS INDIA AND YUGOSLAVIA.
END COMMENT.

3. TANASE ASSUED POLITICAL OFFICER THAT HE WOULD BE IN
TOUCH ONCE SOMETHING WAS KNOWN OF BELGRADE AGENDA AND GOR
PARTICIPATION THERE--IN SPIRIT OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS
ENDORSED BY PRESIDENTS CARTER AND CEAUSESCU. ALTHOUGH WE
HAVE BETTER SOURCES THAN GOR, THIS SHOULD PROVIDE A TEST
OF WHETHER EFFECTS OF RECENT PRESIDENTIAL MEETING PERCOLATE
DOWN AND INFLUENCE MODUS OPERANDI OF NORMALLY HYPER-CAUTIOUS
AND UNCOMMUNICATIVE MID-LEVEL OFFICIALS, AND COULD ALSO PRO-
VIDE BETTER OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS NAM ISSUES.

4. RECENT REORGANIZATION IN MFA (BUCHAREST 3118 NOTAL) WILL
RELSUT IN SHIFT OF NAM RESPONSIBILITIES FROM DIRECTORATE II
(FORMERLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES) TO NEW DIRECTORATE FOR
IK ERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AFFAIRS,
HEADED BY CONSTANTIN FLITAN, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO
FRANCE.

AGGREY

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NONALIGNED NATIONS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 17 may 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978BUCHAR03329
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780212-0581
Format: TEL
From: BUCHAREST
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780551/aaaabqzg.tel
Line Count: 117
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: cc2d3e9c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 STATE 97545, 78 USUN NEW YORK 1237, 78 STATE 103883, 78 RABAT 2396, 78 MOSCOW 9434
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 27 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2670740
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ROMANIA AND NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
TAGS: PORG, RO
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/cc2d3e9c-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014